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Letter dated 22 November 2011 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), established by Security Council resolution 1401 (2002) of 28 March 2002. Following the usual consultations, it is my intention to appoint Ján Kubiš (Slovakia) as my Special Representative for Afghanistan and Head of UNAMA.

Mr. Kubiš will replace Staffan de Mistura (Sweden), who will complete his assignment on 31 December 2011. Mr. Kubiš will assume his functions in Afghanistan in January 2012. I will inform the Security Council in my forthcoming report of how I envisage the responsibilities to be carried out by my Special Representative under the mandate of UNAMA.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. de Mistura for his dedication and leadership of UNAMA, serving in one of the most challenging duty stations during a period that has seen important developments, including parliamentary elections, a high-level international conference held in Kabul and the beginning of the transition of security responsibilities to the Government of Afghanistan.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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